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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING, APRIL 17-18, 1974

FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE

- 1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH IS INVITING THE AMBASSADORS AND CHARGES OF THE TWENTY-FOUR ARA COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE RECENT MFM IN MEXICO CITY TO MEET WITH HIM THIS AFTERNOON AND DISCUSS PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING APRIL 17-18 MFM. POINTS HE WILL MAKE ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- 2. AT MEXICO CITY, AND IN THE DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AGREED ON "AN EXPANSION OF THE PROCESSES OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS" AND AS AN INITIAL STEP IN THIS CONTINUING PROCESS, AGREED "TO CONTINUE ON APRIL 17, 1974 AT ATLANTA," THE DIALOGUE INITIATED IN MEXICO.

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3. THE SECRETARY WISHES TO REAFFIRM HIS INVITATION TO

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO CONTINUE THEIR DIALOGUE IN THE U.S. ON APRIL 17; HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES THAT HOLDING THE MEETING IN WASHINGTON WILL UNDERSCORE ITS SPECIAL NATURE AND IMPORTANCE.

4. THE SECRETARY PROPOSES TO HAVE AN INFORMAL PRIVATE LUNCHEON WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF

STATE AT 1:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17. THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST OFFICIAL EVENT OF THE MFM.

- 5. ACCOMMDATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS (AT THE MADISON HOTEL) BEGINNING TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.
- 6. THE FIRST WORKING SESSION FOR THE FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD FOLLOW THE WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON, AT APPROXIMATELY 2:30 P.M. THERE WOULD BE FURTHER SESSIONS THURSDAY MORNING AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 18.
- 7. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO FLY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS TO ATLANTA FOLLOWING THE THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, AT APPROXIMATELY 5:30 P.M. THIS WOULD PERMIT THEM TO ARRIVE IN ATLANTA EARLY THAT EVENING, CHECK INTO THEIR HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND BECOME SETTLED BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 19.
- 8. WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENDA FOR THE APRIL 17-18 MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, WE SUGGEST THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE AGENDA TOPICS AND POINTS TAKEN UP IN MEXICO CITY, AS APPEARED TO BE THE CONSENSUS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT MEETING.
- 9. WE PLAN TO CONSULT CLOSELY WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' REPRESENTATIVES IN WASHINGTON AS PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR THE APRIL 17-18 MFM, PARTICULARLY ON POINT 8 ABOVE.
- $10.\,$ THE SECRETARY LOOKS FORWARD TO HAVING THE FOREIGN CONFIDENTIAL

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MINISTERS AS HIS GUESTS IN WASHINGTON AND TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE IMPORTANT DIALOGUE BEGUN IN MEXICO CITY.

11. FYI. THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING OTHER APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE APRIL 17-18 MEETING IN WASHINGTON, INCLUDING STANDBY HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S PARTY (ALTHOUGH NOT AT USG

EXPENSE), AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONFERENCE. YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS, AND PLANS FOR RELATED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, SUBSEQUENTLY. END FYI.

12. FOREGOING IS FOR YOUR BACKGROUND AND USE IN RESPONDING TO ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS STAFF. WE WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU INFORMED. KISSINGER

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